

Lunenburg School Committee
September 1, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Minutes

School Committee

David Reif, Chair – absent
Donna White
Jason Poitras
Gregory Berthiaume
Colleen Shapiro

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

Student Representative

Guests

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- * Call to Order – Mr. Poitras called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
 - * Chairman's Report – None.
 - * Review and Approve Minutes
 - July 28, 2010 regular session minutes – tabled to next meeting.
 - August 18, 2010 regular session meeting – tabled to next meeting.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants – Superintendent Calmes reviewed the one line item transfer from special services. Dr. Berthiaume moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to approve the line item transfer. Vote: unanimous.
 - * Superintendent's Report
 - We had a good opening this year, albeit a hot one. Congratulations were given to teachers achieving professional status teachers and staff who are at 20+ years. Superintendent Calmes gave an overview of the convocation, including the new anti-bullying legislation.
 - We received a grant notification in the amount of \$10,814 for the ASOST program at the teen center.
 - Facilities use request forms coming in; school buildings will be open on various days until 8:00 p.m.
 - We are working on a report template for anti-bullying reporting. Reports can be anonymous, but no discipline can be taken against the perpetrator.
 - Enrollment numbers look like we're down about 10 students – including one from choice and one from Shirley.
 - Mr. Londa was in attendance to speak about the capital plan. This summer renovations were done to the TCP and THMS kitchens as well as the TCP restrooms. We purchased a tractor that will also be used for snow removal. The FY12 capital plan looks like a carryover of this year. It will be revised to add white boards at the schools and the priority order may change.
 - The MSBA announced a Green Schools Repair Program. This is a one-time program available this year funded in the amount of 300 million dollars. Thirty-eight potential projects are listed including replacement of boilers, roofs and windows. The MSBA awards the grant money and it must be matched by the town. Replacement of windows at THMS would cost approximately

\$670,000. There was discussion around the process and if we should move forward with a new SOI for this program or if we would be sending a confusing message to the community. The deadline for applying for the grant is September 22. Completion would be December 2011.

- 8 Public Comment – Mr. Poitras stopped at the Chester Mossman Teen Center recently and was pleased to see 28 youngsters there. They offer a wonderful program.

* New Business

- a. Education Jobs Funding – Superintendent Calmes reported Lunenburg will receive \$231,225 in the form of a grant. Funds can be spent through September 2012 and should be utilized to retain existing employees or rehire or recall employees. Superintendent Calmes gave further details of what the funds can be used for. There was discussion around the food services POS system, which is one of our biggest challenges at this time. We hope to get it resolved within the next few days. Superintendent Calmes will make recommendations on the jobs funding at a future meeting.

* Old Business

* Public Comment

* Reports

- a. Advisory Committee
b. Finance Committee
c. School Councils
d. PTO
e. Policy Sub-Committee – A meeting will be set up in the near future.
f. Capital Planning Committee
g. Health Advisory Committee
h. PAC/SAL
i. Regional Planning Committee – Dr. Berthiaume reported that the RPC met Monday with North Middlesex to talk about assumptions being used for a model budget based on current funding available in both districts. The next meeting of the RPB is scheduled for September 13 at North Middlesex. A model budget will be presented at that time for discussion. The RPC will meet tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at the Brooks House.
j. Rep. Benson's Advisory
l. Other

* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

* Items for Future Discussion

- Workshop Sessions
- Facilities Use Procedure
- Civic Engagement – A proposal for a grant for community service learning projects will be brought forward at an upcoming School Committee meeting.

- * Executive Session – At 7:50 p.m., Dr. Berthiaume moved and Ms. White seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategies related to collective bargaining, not to return to public session. Vote: unanimous.

Roll Call

Dr. Berthiaume – yes

Mr. Poitras – yes

Ms. White – yes

Ms. Shapiro – yes

- * Adjournment - At 8:29 p.m. Mr. Poitras moved and Ms. White seconded a motion to adjourn. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Landi
Recording Secretary

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